



Statement

Premier Aariak welcomes appointment of Leona Aglukkaq as Arctic Council Chair

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Premier Eva Aariak today released the following statement:

“On behalf of the Government of Nunavut, we welcome the appointment of the Honourable Leona Aglukkaq as Chair of the Arctic Council during Canada’s upcoming chairmanship.

The Arctic Council is an important international forum for discussions and initiatives that will impact the future of Nunavummiut and our place in the world.

The people of the Arctic must be more than just observers at the Arctic Council. We must play a strong role in shaping the decisions that impact us.

Canada’s appointment of a Nunavummiutaq to this important position is a very positive step in that direction.

In terms of its geography, history and spirit, Nunavut is at the heart of Canada’s Arctic.

The Government of Nunavut is looking forward to Canada’s chairmanship of the Arctic Council from 2013 to 2015. It will be an opportunity to showcase Canada’s and Nunavut’s achievements and for Nunavummiut to put forward the ideas and priorities that will build a stronger future.

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Minister Aglukkaq worked closely with me at the last meeting of Arctic Council Ministers in Nuuk. I look forward to our continued collaboration.”

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